

[5th March 1963]

(b) The following defects were noticed in the administration of the temple :—

(1) The receipts of the temple have not been invested in bank account.

(2) The trees belonging to the temple have been sold without the sanction of the competent authority.

(3) As per the orders of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Madras, the parts of the temple car have not been sold out in public auction.

(4) No repairs and improvements have been made to Sri Lakshminarayana Perumal temple.

(5) No reserve fund has been provided in the budget as per rules.

Suitable instructions have been issued to the managing trustee to set right the above defects.

Meenakshi Mills, Madurai (Regional Committee)

* 129 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any Regional Committee has been constituted for the Meenakshi Mills, Madurai?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes. A bi-partite Regional Committee has been set up to decide the question of rationalisation in respect of Meenakshi Group of Mills in Madurai region in pursuance of clause 7 of the settlement, dated 14th July 1960, arrived at between the parties.

Juvenile Offenders

* 130 Q.—SRI M. V. KARIVENGADAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of Juvenile Offenders in 1960–61 and 1961–62;

(b) whether Juvenile delinquency is on the increase; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) 1960–61—5,718. 1961–62—6,538.

(b) Yes, slightly.

(c) It is rather difficult to locate the root-cause for this slight increase in juvenile delinquency. Perhaps, progress of industrialisation of the country and the consequent urbanisation are the main contributory factors.

திரு. எம். வி. கரிவேங்கடம்: இந்த இளங்குற்றவாளிகள் மது விலக்கு சம்பந்தமான குற்றங்களினால் வருகிறார்களா அல்லது இன்டியன் பினல் கோடின் கீழ் குற்றவாளிகளாக வருகிறார்களா?